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Title : METHOD OF FABRICATING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, kindly amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

## In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice.

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Please add the following new claims.

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A semiconfluctor device comprising:

à crystalline /semiconductor layer comprising silicon over

a substrate; and

an insulating layer comprising a thermal oxide of said semiconductor layer, said thermal oxide being provided in contact with a surface of said semiconductor layer and constituting a part of a gate insulating layer of said semiconductor device,

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